

The Women's Club of Garrett Park, with a donation of \$700.00, established this Emergency Fund in 1969. The fund was renamed in 1973 in honor of Betsy White, an officer and beloved member. It has been maintained, since that time, through fundraising by the Women's Club, donations from generous individuals, and bequests.



Betsy White in 1954

To support the work of the Betsy White Emergency Fund, please send donations made out to GPCF to:

PO Box 381 Garrett Park, MD 20896

Please specify Betsy White Fund in the memo line.

Thank you for your support!

The Betsy White Emergency Fund: Helping neighbors in Garrett Park since 1969.

What is the Garrett Park Community Fund?

The Garrett Park Community Fund was established in 2013 to serve as an umbrella organization for charitable projects within the Town of Garrett Park. It now administers two well-established and valued projects—the Betsy White Emergency Fund and the Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund. The officers are Garrett Park residents who serve without compensation. GPCF is an independent group and is separate from any Town of Garrett Park administration or responsibility. The impetus for the formation of the GPCF occurred when the Town of Garrett Park discovered that it could no longer anonymously administer the Betsy White Fund. The GPCF was formed in response to this situation and has incorporated in the State of Maryland. The organization's articles of incorporation are broadly written to make room for future charitable projects that may one day serve the Garrett Park community. 501 (c) (3) tax status has been applied for and a response from the IRS is expected in November 2014.

What is the Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund?

The GPCF also administers the Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund. This fund is named for a long-time Garrett Park resident and music lover who came up with the idea for the project in 1997. The Fund provides resources for one year of private instrumental music lessons for a rising 5th grade music student at Garrett Park Elementary School. A yearly musicale featuring the talents of Garrett Park residents helps to fund this scholarship. Donations to the GPCF with "Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund" in the memo line are also welcome.

Betsy White Emergency Fund

*Administered by the Garrett Park
Community Fund*



What is the Betsy White Emergency Fund?

The purpose of the Betsy White Fund is to provide financial assistance for town residents and their families during difficult periods of their lives.

For 45 years, Garrett Park residents and employees of all ages and duration of residency have used the fund to address a variety of needs, including illness, unexpected death, family separations, storm damage, tax shortfalls, loss of employment, and other unexpected financial costs.

Applications for the Betsy White Emergency Fund can be made by completing the form inside this brochure and mailing it to the fund's trustees. The application process and distribution of the funds are strictly confidential. The trustees determine the appropriateness of the requests and make decisions based on need. The anonymity of the applicants is preserved throughout the process. The trustees decision and fund distribution will be mailed directly back to the applicant.

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Garrett Park Community Fund

Date: _____

BETSY WHITE FUND APPLICATION

The Betsy White Fund was created in 1969 by the Garrett Park Woman's Club to help town residents and employees who have a need for emergency funds when other funding is not quickly available. The Fund does not have the resources to provide long-term assistance, but is designed to offer quick relief in emergency situations. To apply, please respond to the following questions.

1. How much is needed? _____

2. How soon will the funds be needed? _____

3. What is the purpose of the requested funds?

4. Have you approached other sources if any? _____

If so what is/are the source(s)? _____

5. Will the amount requested be sufficient to meet expected needs? _____

6. The fund is available for those who need help quickly. Because of the nature of the fund, we would welcome donations from the recipients when their circumstances allow so that funds will be available for others.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number(s) _____

Note: This fund is confidential. No information about the identity or circumstances of the applicant will be made public. This application information is provided only to the Trustees of the fund who themselves serve anonymously. Please return the completed application form to the Garrett Park Community Fund - PO Box 381, Garrett Park, MD 20896 and mark the envelope confidential. We endeavor to respond as within a week's time, or sooner, if possible.

Signature: _____ Date: _____